



STANDING ORDER REGARDING REMOTE AND IN-PERSON HEARINGS

DOMESTIC, RELIEF FROM ABUSE (RFA) AND CHILD IN NEED OF CARE OR SUPERVISION (CHINS) CASES:

Pursuant to Rule 43.1(c)(1)(A) of the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure, it is ordered that all non-evidentiary hearings in domestic, RFA, CHINS and TPR cases are scheduled as hybrid hearings. Parties and/or attorneys may appear in person for any remote hearing without requesting permission to do so. Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that, for evidentiary hearings scheduled for longer than one hour in length, parties, attorneys, and witnesses must appear in person unless permission is granted to appear remotely pursuant to V.R.C.P. 43.1(d)(2). Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that evidentiary hearings scheduled for an hour or less and all RFA hearings (including RFA motion hearings) are to be scheduled as hybrid hearings. Absent an exception for good cause, attorneys are required to appear in person for any evidentiary hearing, regardless of the length, where their client appears in person, unless permission is granted to appear remotely.

DELINQUENCY AND YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CASES:

Until further notice and subject to the standards set out in Administrative Order 47, any Notice of Hearing in a delinquency case that specifies that a hearing is remote shall constitute the required notice. Parties and/or attorneys may appear in person for any remote hearing without requesting permission to do so.

Pursuant to Rule 43.1(d)(1)(A), it is ordered that, for evidentiary hearings scheduled longer than one hour in length, parties, attorneys and witnesses must appear in person unless permission is granted to appear remotely pursuant to V.R.C.P. 43.1(d)(2). Evidentiary hearings and any non-evidentiary hearings where the presence of the subject youth is required by law shall be held in person, and all witnesses must appear in person, unless the parties agree to a remote hearing.

ALL CHILD SUPPORT HEARING SHALL BE SOLELY REMOTE UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT.

IN ALL CASES GUARDIAN AD LITEMS MAY PARTICIPATE BY WEBEX WITHOUT ADVANCE PERMISSION UNLESS ORDERED BY THE COURT TO APPEAR IN PERSON.

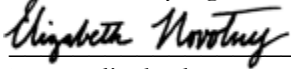
PRIOR TO FILING A MOTION TO APPEAR REMOTELY A PARTY SHALL CONFER WITH THE OTHER PARTIES TO THE MATTER AND SEEK AGREEMENT. THE PARTY FILING THE MOTION SHALL STATE THE OTHER PARTIES' POSITIONS IN THE MOTION. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN THE SUMMARY DENIAL OF THE MOTION.

PURSUANT TO V.R.F.P. 43.1, PARTIES APPEARING REMOTELY PURSUANT TO THIS ORDER SHALL APPEAR USING AUDIO **AND** VIDEO CONNECTIONS THROUGH WEBEX UNLESS THE COURT GIVES PERMISSION FOR THE PARTY TO APPEAR REMOTELY BY AUDIO CONFERENCE ONLY.

WHEN REMOTE APPEARANCE IS PERMITTED UNDER THIS ORDER (OR BY OTHER ORDER OF THE COURT) PARTIES ARE ENCOURAGED, BUT NOT REQUIRED, TO ATTEND IN PERSON.

SO ORDERED:

Electronically signed on January 15, 2025, pursuant to V.R.E.F. 9(d)



Hon. Elizabeth F. Novotny
Vermont Superior Court Judge